

**S/N 09/870,376**

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Jeffrey P. Bodner	Examiner:	Frances P. Oropeza
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Title:	EXTENDABLE/RETRACTABLE LEAD HAVING DOWNSIZED LEAD BODY		

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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In response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2006, Applicant submits the following remarks and respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration in light of the same.